



Legislative Bulletin.....May 1, 2008

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H.R. 5937—To amend Public Law 110-196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond April 18, 2008

Summary of the Bills Under Consideration Today:

Total Number of New Government Programs: 0

Total Cost of Discretionary Authorizations: Unknown

Effect on Revenue: \$0

Total Change in Mandatory Spending: \$0

Total New State & Local Government Mandates: \$0

Total New Private Sector Mandates: 0

Number of Bills Without Committee Reports: 1

Number of Reported Bills that Don't Cite Specific Clauses of Constitutional Authority: 0

H.R. 5937—To amend Public Law 110-196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond April 18, 2008 (*Peterson, D-MN*)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Thursday, May 1, 2008, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 5937 would extend agricultural programs under the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (the “farm bill”) for two weeks, through May 16, 2008. The current provisions are set to expire tomorrow, May 2nd.

Additional Background: On July 27, 2007, the House passed H.R. 2419, the Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act of 2007, which would have extended farm bill programs for five years, by a vote of [231-191](#). On December 14, 2007, the Senate passed their version of the legislation but

House and Senate conferees have yet to file a conference report. To read the RSC's original Legislative Bulletin on H.R. 2419, [click here](#).

Committee Action: H.R. 5937 will be introduced today, May 1, 2008.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score for H.R. 5937 was not available at press time.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government? No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates? No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits? A Committee Report citing compliance with rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits was not available.

Constitutional Authority: A Committee Report citing constitutional authority was not available.

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